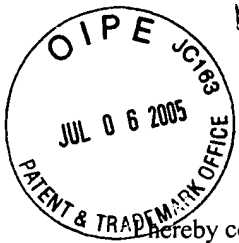


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Introductory Comments

In an Office Action having a mail date of July 6, 2005, the Office has again rejected claims 1, 3-8, 14-17, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,774,650 to Chapman et al. Applicants contend that the Office has not established a *prima facie* case for anticipation, since there are patentably distinguishable claimed features between the invention represented by these claims and reference disclosure of Chapman et al. In the July 6, 2005 Office Action, the Office has also rejected claims 2, 9-11, 13, 18-24, and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,650) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,398 to Brown et al. Applicants contend that the Office has not established a *prima facie* case for obviousness, since the prior art references of Chapman and

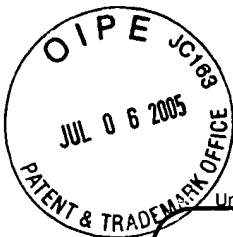
Brown, when combined, do not teach or suggest all limitations of these claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested.

Comparisons of Applicants' claim elements with the asserted equivalents in the Chapman and Brown references cited by the Office are shown in Tables 1-5. The disparity between Applicants' claim elements and the passages cited by the Office demonstrate the undue reconstruction and impermissible hindsight relied upon to form a basis for the claim rejections.

No new amendments have been submitted to the description, figures or drawings. A copy of the claims, as amended, is contained in Appendix A for reference purposes.

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